**Table-tennis**

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Two local clubs competed on Day 4 in the National Junior League at Wellingborough on Saturday.

Lillington Free Church A were bottom of Division 1 after a disappointing Day 3 of competition but a strong final day pushed them to 4th place, only a point behind Knighton Park A (Leicester) with whom they drew. 5-1 wins over Milton Keynes A and St Neots A plus a 4-2 win over Draycott (Long Eaton) A propelled them up the division, their only blemish being a 1-5 defeat to Champions St Neots B. All of the players bettered their averages with Adam Cofler returning 70% on the day, Olivia Fletcher an outstanding 60% to finish the League’s top girl and number one Kit Turner a very pleasing 50%.

Rugby stormed to the Division 2 title. They won it by two points from Milton Keynes B whom they beat 4-2. Draycott B were also defeated 4-2 and Lillington B and C fell 5-1. Their only failure to win came against the unorthodox players of Wellingborough Hindu Association whom they held to a draw. Niall Herbert starred with 95% and Sam Cafearo returned 85%. They were well supported by Milly Bradshaw.

Lillington B had the misfortune to lose number 1 Jack Green through injury after the first match, resulting in them conceding two sets per match. They lost 1-5 to Rugby, Draycott B and Wellingborough Hindus, 2-4 to Milton Keynes B and drew with their C side 3-3. Adam Pulman and Lewis Singleton never let circumstances get the better of them, despite having to play at numbers 1 and 2 and Singleton returned a commendable 55% average.

The C team were weakened by illness before the day but battled admirably despite finishing 6th. James Robertson won 5 out of 10 and Tom Fletcher tasted victory on 4 occasions. Reserve Ciara Hancox put in some great performances and confirmed her outstanding potential.

The D team’s day in Division 3 hinged on the match with Milton Keynes C. Ashley Knott suffered some rotten luck when losing deuce in the 5th to Charlie Rabe which turned a potential 4-2 win into a draw and with it second place by those two points. D lost 1-5 to Champions Knighton Park B but trounced Milton Keynes D and Draycott C 5-1 and Westfield (Wellingborough) 4-2. Katie Singleton finished on 75%, Jenny Singleton 60%, Ricardo Bolanos 55% and Knott a highly creditable 64% in his first representative season.